

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1874.

THE EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.-From present indications, even at this early day, the aspirants for the seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, now so well filled by Gen. Eppa Hunton, are numerous, and there have already been mentioned in this connection Col. John S. Mosby, R. H. Carter and S. P. Bayly, all of Fauquier, who, it is said, propose to run as "independents." Ex-Gov. Smith, of Fauquier, it is said, is also in the field, together with Gen. Williams and Col. Holliday, of Winchester, while S. J. C. Moore, of Clarke, has also been mentioned. While Gen. Hunton has not been a frequent participant in the "debates" in the House, having been prevented by a bronchial affection, from which he has suffered accutely, yet he has been constant in his attendance during the session, diligent in the discharge of his duty, and by his admitted talents, purity of character and genial manner, is deservedly held in high esteem by members of both parties in the House.

The new army bill reported to the House of Representatives reduces the cavalry to nine regiments, now ten; artiilery to four, now five; infantry to twenty, now twenty-five. This will make the army 25,000 instead of 33,000 strong. Any officer may resign and shall be entitled to one year's pay besides what may be due him at the date of resignation; officers deemed unfit for duty are to be reported by commanding officers and mustered out, and officers of thirty years' service may be retired. The reduction is to be effected by January 1, 1875.

We hope that the recent excitement about Gov. Kemper's veto of the Petersburg charter bill will soon be abated. We believe the Governor acted conscientiously, and, probably, wisely. Certainly he is not to blame for conscientiously performing his duty, and carrying out his own convictions as to what it was right for him to do. Calmn reflection will probably induce many who now think hard of him to modify their opinion.

The Lynchburg Virginian says: -After reading the reasons assigned by Gov. Kemper for disapproving the Petersburg charter, we jug yesterday. The boat and cargo are a total ask the impartial reader how it was possible loss. They are valued at \$30,000 and insured for him to affix his signature to it and "approve" it, in the face of his oath to support the Constitution, which directs that he shall sign only such measures as his judgment "approves ?"

Yesterday, in Washington, a committee from New Orleans presented to President Grant a picture of himself, of heroic size, on horseback, the work of Mr. Pierson, but purchased of him by Dr. Crasto, an Italian, of that city, for this purpose. Senator West made the presentathe President's household.

A number of Congressmen of both political parties have addressed letters to Gov. Kemper, of Virginia, congratulating him upon the veto of the Petersburg charter bill, and thanking him for thus sustaining the great principle of local self-government. Some of the Republicans, especially, say in their letters that his action cannot fail to result in great good to the State.

Gen. F. E. Spinner, U. S. Treasurer, has returnad to Washington after an absence of two months in Florida, looking fully restored to health and vigor. He was received at the Treasury Department yesterday by his subordinates with expressions of welcome and congratulations.

The Wheeling Register, of the 14th instant, says that the employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, at Huntington and other points on the western division, are clamoring for their pay, alleging that six months wages are now taken. After transacting considerable routine due them, and they cannot live any longer on

St. Patrick's Day as celebrated yesterday in New York Philadelphia, Baltimore, Rich mond, Charleston, Savannah, and various other cities and towns throughout the country.

We are indebted to Judge Thomas of the State Senate for copies of bills, &c., pending before the Legislature.

Maryland and Virginia Boundary. RICHMOND, VA., March 17.-Messrs. Isaac D. Jones, James U. Dennis and John W. Davis, the Maryland Commissioners appointed Virginia relative to the boundary line question, arrived here this morning. About noon they

visited the capitol and presented their credentials to Gov. Kemper. The Governor at once sent a messenger to the two Houses of the General Assembly, apprising them of the presence of the Maryland Commissioners. The two Houses passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to confer with the Maryland-

ers, invite them to occupy privileged seats upon the floor of the Houses, and extend all other official courtesies. This committee, consisting of Messrs. Finney of Accomac, and Moffett of Rockingham, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Coghill of Amherst, Ould of Richmond, and Taliferro of Gloucester, on the part of the House, had The Republicans maintained the affirmative. an interview this evening with the Maryland

General Assembly that the two houses meet in for the reduction of the army. joint session at one o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) and invite the Maryland commissioners then and there to lay before them the subject of

It is understood that the Maryland commissioners have to propose, first, that until the line latter. Cooke is in jail awaiting an examinais definitely settled, the Lovatte-Davidson line | tion before a justice. be adopted for temporary purposes; second,

NEWS OF THE DAY · To show the very age and body of the Times'

The temperance movement is still in progress in Williamsport, Penn., with increased interest. Many saloons are closed. The ladies started out yesterday, and on reaching Washington street it was ascertained that two or three hundred Germans had congregated. Lager beer was served from a wagon, and the crowd was boisterous and threatening. Tumblers were thrown and the police threatened. The movement was unexpected and has greatly injured the cause of the liquor dealers. Two arrests

An old man, David Myerle, of Monongalia county, W. Va., left by will, not long ago, \$3,000 to build an Episcopal Church in Morgantown. This was all very well, but Mr. Myerle added: 'I devise that it shall be of that branch or order of the Protestant Episcopal Church known as the 'Low Church,' and that the doctrines taught in such church shall be 'Evangelical.' The heirs at-law have gone into litigation about the will with the greatest enthusiasm.

On Sunday last there died at Lewisburg. Union county, Pa., Mrs. Margaret Geddes, aged ninety-three years- a mother almost before the city was founded. She and her husband were among the early settlers of the northeastern section of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Geddes, at the time of her death, had the pleasure of having around her three generations of her own family.

The jury in the case of the Grant parish (Louisiana) prisoners brought in a verdict of not guilty as to Alfred Cherois. The jury, announcing that there was no possibility of agreeing as to the others, was discharged by Judge Wood, and the prisoners were remanded, on motion of the district attorney, who announced that there were other indictments against

A break occurred in the upper-base crevasse, three miles below Lake Providence, on the Mississippi river, on Friday. It was two hundred vards long at last accounts. A dezen or more large plantations back of Goodrich's landing were overflowed from this crevasse. It has already stopped the running of trains on the Vicksburg and Shreveport railroad.

There was considerable excitement among the leather dealers in New York yesterday over the sudden disappearance of a man named Eiis, who has been transacting business in Texas hides, wool, and other produce for over a year, and obtaining banker's credits on bills of lading. His indebtedness is chi-fly on banker's

The Directors of the Memphis and Charles ton railroad have refused to accept a proposi tion of the Southern Security Company to annul their lease and restore the control of the and selected Virginia Mason as her guardian. road to the stockholders on the payment of a bonus of \$160,000, which the Security Company claim to have lost in running connecting | for the jury room.

Madame Catacazy is in Paris, where the continued beauty and taste of her toilets is amply appreciated, but a chronicler delicately suggests the waning of her natural charms by sayittle as one can imagine.

The steamboat Southwestern, for Shreveport with a full list of passengers and five hundred tons assorted cargo, was burned at Colfax landfor \$10,000. The passengers lost their

Tilman B. Forrow, while returning from a circus performance at Batesville, S. C., on last the 18th of January 1874. Saturday night, was waylaid, murdered and

The launch of the Pacific Mail steamship, said to be, after the Great Western, the largest steamship ever built, will take place to day from the yard of John Roach & Son, at Chester, Penn., near Philadelphia.

Thirty buildings have been destroyed by fire tion speech in the presence of the Cabinet and in Modoc City, in the oil region of Pennsylvania. The loss is estimated at a hundred thou-

The snow blockade on the Central Pacific railroad has been again raised, and trains are moving each way.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

Annapolis, March 17.-President Gorman to-day made his usual monthly report to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Capal at their office. More extensive repairs have been made than for three years past. Seneca aqueduct has been entirely rebuilt. The balance in bank to the credit of the company on general account is \$61 880.28. From this is to be deducted the current expenses of February \$23,029 48, leaving a balance of \$38. 850.80 to the credit of the company now, in addition to which the amount in the hands of the financial agents of the company heretofore appropriated to pay the overdue coupons on the preferred construction bonds is \$6,860.64; \$112.548 39 having already been paid on that account since January 1. The case of W. W. Corcoran versus the company has been decided in favor of the company by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and an appeal business, the Board adjourned until April 15. P. Hamil and Col. Sedgwick, United States Engineer, left this evening to attend the Pitts burgh Convention of the Trans Allegany Canal Company to meet on the 19th instant.

Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, sundry petitions for an increase in the volume of currency were presented. Some time was spent in fixing the status of Mr. Stewart, appointed to fill the vacancy on the District Investigating Committee, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Boutwell The President pro tem. of the Senate (Mr. Carpenter) had designated Mr. Stewart as the chairman of the committee. This was regarded as an invasion of the right of the committee to confer with the authorities of the State of to select its own chairman, and Mr. Allison was elected to that position. Mr. Stewart refused to serve on the committee until the order assigning him to the place was changed. The journal of the Senate was so amended as to designate him a member of the committee, and not its chairman, Mr. Frelinghuysen gave notice that the Judiciary Committee was ready to report on the Civil Rights bill. As soon as Mr. Edmunds returns the bill will be disposed of. Mr. Logan made a speech in favor of the inflation of the currency.

In the House of Representatives the Legis lative Appropriation bill was discussed at great length, the argument seeming to turn on the question: "Was the Administration of Pres ident Buchanan more extravagant in the expenditure of money than that of Gen. Grant? and the Democrats the negative. Mr. Ceburn commissioners, and agree to recommend to the from the Military Committe, reported a bill

FAIRFAX ITEMS -A difficulty occurred at Fairfax C. H. on Monday afternoon between John Howard and Lewis Cooke, in which the former was badly though not fatally out by the

The citizens at the Court House were great-

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Gen. R. D. Lilley, after having secured subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000 in Augusta towards the endowment of a Georgia chair to Washington & Lee University, removed to the city of Atlanta where he is now operating with encouraging success. Subscriptions to the amount of \$14,000 have been se-

The travelling public as well as those who wish to enjoy the scenery, the pure air, and the sport of fishing and hunting at Kanawha Falls on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, will be pleased to learn that those experienced and well known hotel keepers-Messrs. Wm. II. and Eugene G. Peyton-will establish a first class hotel at that place.

Mr. Gerard T. Hopkins is having houses put up for the accommodation of visitors at the medical springs containing iron and magnesia, owned by him, called the Massanutten Springs. located about four miles from McGaheysville, in Rockingham county, at the eastern base of the "Peaked Mountain" in the Massanutten

On Sunday last Capt. Stephens, conductor of a material train on the Virginia and Tennessee railroad, fell between two flats of the train near Big Spring Bridge, and had both his legs horribly mangled. His life is despaired of.

Lexington is considering the question of having "all streets within the limits of the corporation McAdamized with nine inches of slow progress.

The symptoms of Dr. S. G. Perrow, of Lovingston, Nelson county, who was stricken with paralysis last week, are decidedly better.

Fairfax County Court.

REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, March 17 .- The County Court, Judge James Sangster presiding, closed its March term this morning. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

Eighteen deeds and other writings were certified for record since the last term. Several estate accounts of sales and invent-

ories were admitted to record. On Evanslyck's and others motion for a road,

report returned and summons awarded to land On N. W. P arson's motion for a road, writs

of ad quaddamnum awarded to ascertain the damages to the land owners.

The last will and testament of Mrs. E. M. Mason was proved by the oaths of subscribing witnesses, admitted to record, and Virginia Mason and Eliza O. Mason the executrixs named qualified - bond \$20,000; no security required. Eliza C. Ambler appeared in court The Commissioner of Public Buildings was ordered to purchase a table and twelve chairs

The fee of the Commissioner of Accounts for examining and certifying inventories and account of sales was fixed by the court at one

The collectors of Mount Vernon and Dranesville towaships presented their delinquent lists ing that "unadorned she would be adorned as for the year 1872, which were examined, approved and certified.

On motion of T. T. Fowler and others the Commissioner of Roads for Providence township was ordered to view a way for a road from a point on the Middle pike, near Falls Church, to the line of Alexandria county, through the land of Sherwood and others.

It was ordered to be certified that Charles II. Carroll was a pensioner of the United States, residing in Fairfax county, and died

The consent in writing of the securities of robbed by two negroes, who made their es- George B. Ives, collector for Falls Church township, was received and ordered to be re-

Edward vs. John Costigan, &c.; upon a mo-

tion for judgment on a fortherming bond; judgment for \$66.85 with interest and costs. J. T. Woodyard's account against the Commonwealth for \$6.45 was allowed and certified.

J. M. Mason, of Charlestown, W. Va., was admitted to practice in this court. Com. vs. George Brown; assault; the defendant who was on bail appeared, whereupon he was again bailed in the sum of \$50, the Com-

monwealth asking a continuance. The grand jury was sworn, charged by the court, came into court and reported "nothing to present," and was discharged.
Harriet Turner vs. Ann Foote; Richard
Cruikshank vs. E. H. Beans, forcible detainer.

These cases were continued for defendants with order for peremptory trial at next term. Richard Cruikshank vs. Henry Elliott; forcible detainer; jury, and verdict for plaintiff.

-- O'Conner vs. J. W. West; torcible detainer; security for costs and continued for de-Lander Makeley, who had been commission-

ed a Notary Public by the Governor, appeared and qualified. Administration on the estate of Dapiel Barrett was granted A. F. Barrett-bond \$500.

Com. vs. Richard Taylor; charged with felony; defendant admitted to bail-bond \$100; continued for his appearance at the next, November term, W. H. Pettett, jullor's account against the

Commonwealth for \$10.75, was allowed and B. Whittaker vs. T. Easton; upon attach

ment; judgment for \$22 and costs. And the court adjourned until the court in

EDUCATION AND VOTING. -On this side the water the idea prevails that compulsory education, though a high handed measure, not in all respects conforming to American ideas of freedom, might still be tolerated on account of the benefits that would be likely to follow in its somewhat arbitrary wake, not the least of which would be the keeping of a large number of children off the streets, where they learn but few good lessons. Progressive Pru-sia long ago made all children above the mental grade of born idiots learn, whether their parents chose or no. And now these ever advancing Teutons propose to compel every qualified elector to cast his ballot, as to him seems best, at all Parliamentary elections held within the realm of the Emperor. And in the light of our experience on this side of the Atlantic the second tyranny of Prussia is infinitely better than the first, for to our great cost have we learned how fares the community whose more intelligent voters habitually absent themselves from the polls. By some strange law, yet unexplained, the least trustworthy of voters invariably vote, while a majority of thinkers neglect the important duty. Despotic Germany can, and no doubt readily will, remedy this evil, but what is to become of the great and independent United States in a matter of such grave im-

WINCHESTER. - A census was lately taken of Winchester, Va., which shows that the number of inhabitants in the four wards is 5,018, and outside of the corporation and within its police inrisdiction the number is found to be 355, giving to the town, including its suburbs, a total of 5,373 inhabitants. The draft of a new charter has been sent to the Legislature providing for a Hustings Court, and also containing other provisions. Joseph H. Sherrard, the present judge of the county, is recommended by the bar for the judgeship of the Hustings

that all questions in dispute be submitted to arbitration. These propositions meet with much favor among members, though General H. A. Wise, the chief of the Virginia commissioners, is opposed to them.

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The loss by the destruction of the Spice Mills at Wilmington, Del., yesterday, is now with the Poets' and numerous other branches of industry. Get Kilgour, who was announced to deliver his full supply; eight, ten and twelve ribs. We procure these goods direct from the factory, and the "corner-stone" of all winds at the Court douse were great.

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We procure these goods direct from the factory, and the "corner-stone" of all the people right, ten and the court douse were great.

We procure these goods direct from the factory, and the "corner-stone" of all the people right, ten and the people right, ten and the people right, ten and the court double right.

We procure

FROM RICHMOND.

RICHMOND, March 17 .-- The att adapte in the Senate to-day was so slim, there being on one or two occasions but seventeen members present, that the pages had to be kept out 'druming up" absentees, in order that business of any kind might be transacted, and this, too, when but fifteen more days of the legitimate session remains, -- and not an important measure has yet been acted upon. Of course there is to be an extension of the session, and it is predicted that instead of ninety days the session will be prolonged to one hundred and

The commissioners on the part of Maryland to adjust the boundary question have arrived, and to day were introduced and the usual courtisies extended them by the Governor and Leg-

In both Houses, to-day, a number of bills were reported upon-some favorably, some adversely.

In the Senate a bill was presented from the Committee on Finance imposing a tax according to value on dogs, and for protection of sheep; also a bill of a similar nature allowing the supervisors or the people of any county to vote on the question.

The bill in reference to delinquent lands was ordered to be engrossed. The House of Delegates has under conside-

ration the tax bill, with which it is making

FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, March 18, 5 30 a. m.-It is said the Queen's speech on the assembling of Parliament will propose a reduction of two pence on a pound in the income tax.

Viscount Barrington, Conservative, has been re-elected to Parliament from Suffork by 270 majority. Disraeli and Sir Stafford Northcote have been re-elected to Parliament without on-

The Duke and Duchess of E linburgh visited ex-Empress Eugenie at Chiselhurst to-day. BERLIN, March 17 -The Prussian Cross Gazette intimates that the Reichtag will be dissolved if it persists in its refusal to fix the ordinary strength of the army at 400,000, as demanded by the Government.

VIENNA, March 17. - The Roman Catholic bishops in the Reichrath threaten to withdraw if the ecclesiastical bill is pressed.

LONDON, March 18, 5 30 a. m. - A special to the Daily News represents that anarchy reigns n Khiva in Egypt.

An Orphan Child

Yesterday, in the Probate Court, Judge Olin rendered his decision in the case of Davis Af flick vs. William P. White, dismissing the petition of the plaintiff to have the appointment of White as guardian of the infant child of W. H. Afflick, late of Memphis, Tenn., revoked. This is the same case in which possession of

the body of the child was sought to be obtained by writ of habeas corpus granted by Chief Justice Cartter some weeks since. It appears that during the cholera epidemie in Memphis last summer the father, mother, sister, and aunt of the child were stricken down with the plague, all dying within three days from the time the first was taken, leaving the little one, only a few months old, without any relative to care for her. Mr. White, uncle of the child and steady and fairly active; fair to choice 5 50a brother of its mother, after learning that the \$6 372; a lot of extra brought \$7. grandfather (Afflick) had been to Memphis, and instead of removing the child from the of the deceased parents that unless something were done for it and it be removed to a more healthy climate it would die, went to Memphis, and at the risk of his own life brought the little one to Washington, where he was subsequently appointed its guardian. It has since been leveloped that the child had inherited some twenty thousand dollars from its father, which under the laws of Tennessee the grandfather would fall heir to in case of the child's death, which may in some degree account for the interest taken in the child (since the disappearance of the plague in Memphis) by Afflick through his female lawyer residing in the Dis-

The child in question is now eleven months old, and is cared for by its legal guardian, Mr. White. - Wash. Chronicle.

[For the Gazette.

"The People Had a Mind to Work." I have heard a great number of good sermons in my day, but one of the best I ever heard. in my day, but one of the best I ever heard, was delivered by an eminent Divine in New York. Although more than thirty years have Floral Sets, Pruning Knives and other goods passed since it was delivered, I remember the text and thread of the discourse as distinctly as if I had listened to it last Sunday. His theme was the power of Work. What mighty things could be accomplished when the members of a church were united, and willing to Nails, &c., &c., is full and complete. Hardware work to advance its spiritual welfare; and how for family use in great variety, and all other a community and a city could increase its goods usually found in a Hardware Store. wealth, and general prosperity by a like effort in temporal affairs. He read his text from Nehemiah iv-6: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto to the half thereof: for the people had a mind to chasers to give us a trial at 88 King street, on

The preacher then proceeded to give a graphic account of the destruction of Jerusalem. How completely Nebuzaradan, a captain of the guard, performed his work of destruction; "destroyed all the houses thereof, and every great man's house burnt he with fire." "And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard brake down the walls of

Jerusalem round about. " The work of ruin was complete, and had it happened to a people of less energy, industry and perseverance than the Jews, the eternal city from that day would cease to have had an existence. But, Phœnix-like, it speedily sprung up from its ashes, and became more exalted and magnificent than ever; and this great and desirable change was accomplished, not by any special miracle or act of Providence. but by the simple way all great achievements have been accomplished, and so forcibly ex- ON EASTER MONDAY EV'G., APRIL 6th. pressed in the last eight words of the text:-

For the people had a mind to work! The preacher described the difficulties and opposition which the Jews had to contend with. "They which builded on the well, and they that have burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon," and "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared." The Jews worked as one man; they were all of one accord, and all influenced by one desire, and that was to re-build the city. The high priests, the rulers, the nobles, the goldsmiths, the apothecaries, the merchants, and the servants and common laborers each and all assisted to "build common laborers each and all assisted to "build the wall, also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the To arrive per barque Theodosius Christian, now

bars thereof. " "So built we the wall." What ao exam ple have we here of unity, energy and perseverance. If the priests, the rulers, the bankers, the merchants, the goldsmiths, and the apothecaries of Alexandria possessed one-half the enterprise and earnest zeal that Nehemiah and his people possessed, our city could, in less than ten years, boast of a population of fifty thousand. One year would give us a ship yard, paying twenty per cent. interest to the owners. In two years, extensive iron furnaces. Three years, locomorive works; then would follow shoe factories, cotton factories, car works

Fair to good Good to prime Prime to choice red...... Prime choice to white...... ORN, white..... 0 70 a 0 00 Mixed 0 69 a 0 70 Yellow 0 68 a 0 70 0 90 s 0 95 CHICKENS, dressed...... 3 00 a 4 00 1RISH POTATOES...... 0 60 a 0 75 ONIONS DRESSED HOGS..... 6 50 a 7 00 BACON, Hams, country 0 11 8 0 124 Western 0 14 a 0 15 Sides... Shoulders PLASTER, ground, per ton... 7 50 a 0 00 Ground, in bags or barrels. 9 50 a 0 00 Ground, in bags, returned. 8 50 a 0 00

 Washed
 0 38 a 0 40

 Merino, unwashed
 0 28 a 0 30

 Merino, washed
 0 38 a 0 40

COMMERCIAL.

REMARKS .- Wheat is in light receipt, and the market is steady at yesterday's quotations; offerings of 554 bushels red, with sales at 164 for good, and 173, 175 and 178 for prime to choice lots. Large arrivals of Corn have caused a decline in prices; receipts to-day 4499 bushels, with sales of mixed at 691 and 70, and yellow at 70. Nothing doing in Rycor Oats; offerings light

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET. REVIEW OF THE MARKET FOR THE WEEK END-

ING MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1874. Receipts of all kinds of Cattle at the various yards during the week were 6850 Beeves, 65 Cows, 683 Veals, 12,868 Sheep and Lambs, and 33,614 Hogs.

PRICES OF CATTLE ON MONDAY. Prime to extra Bullocks...... 125 a 13 Texan Cattle...... 10 a 111 The general average was..... Extreme range of prices from 10 a 13
The most of the sales are from 11 a 112
SHEEP—The moderate supply of Sheep and the slight improvement in mutton has enabled seilers to materially advance prices, and though dull, the market was firm to-day at 63-82c per lb for ordinary to choice Sheep. Poor lots might go as low as 61c. The few early Lambs for St. Patrick's Day have been sold at

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET,

from 7 to 510 per head, mostly at 8.59 each.

SWINE-The receipts in the last two days

were \$394 head, all to slaughterers. None offered alive since Monday has. Dressed Hogs were selling fairly at 72a77c per lb for city, and 62a71c

March 17. Cattle active and firm for shippers' steers, at ye-terday's prices. A number of lots of extra sold at 6a56 15; receipts 28.0; shipments 1600. Live Hogs dull; heavy receipts depress the market, and prices declined fully 1c; range 4 50a\$6; most sales 5 25 \$5 5), and only a few extra at

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 18, '74.

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A Rerd. She reports passing a bay ves el and a coaster off Indian Head, both loaded and both bound up.

Steamer Pilot Boy, Currioman, to F A Reed. Schr Cornelia, Baltimore, to W A Smoot. Schr Jesse Murdock, for Washington. SAILED.

Schr Pennsylvania, Georgetown, by Wm A

NOTICE -A meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company will be he'd at their hall to morrow evening, at half-past seven

88 Corner of Royal, Alexandria, Va. 88 SPRING TRADE, 1874.

The subscribers have received a large, and well-selected stock of goods, to which they are continually making additions which are suited to the present season, embracing Hoes, Rakes, Forks, Shovels, Spades, Castings, Bush Hooks, too numerous to mention.

Our stock of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Builders' Hardware, Mechanics' Tools, Wagon and Coachmakers' Goods, Bellows, Anvils, Vices,

The above enumerated goods were purchased at the lowest prices, and having been long in the business, we know how and where to buy. We will sell anything in our line at wholesale or retail at the very lowest prices, and invite all purthe corner of Royal.
mh 18 JOHN T CREIGHTON & SON.

COULTER'S COMPOUND CANDY CATHARTICS—a delicious substitute for Pills, Castor Oil, Salts, &c. It is purely vegetable, and equally good for children and adults. Price 50c per box. For sale by mh 18 JANNEY & CO. mh 18

A BEAUTIFUL CHROMO given away with every 50c bottle of PERFUMERY purchased at our store. JANNEY & CO. mh 18

AMUSEMENTS.

SIXTH ANNUAL BALL HYDRAUL'N. STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. WILL BE GIVEN AT

SAREPTA HALL, Master of Ceremonies-Wm. H. Smith.

Floor Managers. B. F. Penn, R. M. Latham, John Sullivan. Committee of Reception. Henry J. Nevett, Thomas Lannon, M. B. Harlow, Committee of Arrangements.

LIVERPOOL SALT 2000 sacks DEAKINS' FINE SALT.

Jos. H. Young, Israel Berliner, A. C. Kell

mh 4-td

The Committee reserve the right to reject.

Tickets one dollar.

due from Liverpool, direct to this port. For saic at market prices by HOOE & JOHNSTON. mh 14

SEED OATS. 500 bushels HEAVY BLACK OATS. EXCELSIOR OATS. Suitable 125 DAVY & HARMON. GRAHAM FLOUR, Oat Meal, Cracked Wheat, Rice Flour and Crushed White

Wheat. These goods are warrant d to be pure and fresh. For sale at market prices. W. F. BROOKES. 147 King street.

OBITUARY.

Alexandria Market, March 18, 1874. Died, at "Clarens," her residence, near Alexandris, Va., February 14th, in the 76th year of her ag., Mrs. JAMES M. MASON.
Mrs. Mason was the daughter of Benjamin
Chew, of Philadelphia, and the grand daughter of Benjamin Chew, who was Chief Justice of Pennsylvania when a colony, and after the Revolution President of the High Court of Errors and Appeals In 1822 she married James M. Mason, then a young lawy r of Winchester, Va., afterwards the distinguished and dignified Senator, representing his native State first in the National councils of the United States, later of

the Confederate States, with whose destiny he

united himself, and was sent by them as the

Commissioner to England.

Mrs. Mason, gifted with a comprehensive intellect, and having every advantage that wealth and high social position could bestow, was well adapted to be, what she was for nearly lifty years, the frie d and advisor of her hu-band, rejoicing over his success and lovingly aiding him to bear his trials. The name of Mrs James M. Mason does indeed call up many memories of the past; her unostentation, hospitality in Winchester, Richmond and Canada, (whither she had gone after the war to put herself in communication with her husband, then in England,) was shared by so many; her acts of kindness to the sick and wounded so abundant; her brave words of cheer and encouragement, so o'ten and so well spoken, and her unswerving tread in the path of what she deemed right and just so steadfast, that all who knew her will readily recog-nize the appro, risteness of the application of the

> "None knew her but to love her : None named her but to praise.

Love, admiration, confidence, followed her everywhere, and was shared by all classes. An illness of nineteen months was borne with the most perfect Christian patience-no murmur ever escaping her lips. Often, when suffering intense pain, she would say, "it is all right; I would not have one pain less. My Father knows what is necessary for me." Sometimes she would say, "I am so weary, so weary; if it would only please Him to take me home;" and then would repr ach herself for being "so impatient." Her thoughtful consideration for all was never forgo ten; always a kind smile or a regret "to be so trouble-ome," rewarded the slightest atten-t on, till all considered it a privilege to be near her. But she has passed from among us: God in His own good time, called her to himself, leaving to us as a precious inheritance that love which survives the tomb, and is one of the noblest stributes of the soul. Weave the chap-let of flowers, and strew their beauties about her

Respect and love have laid tributes upon it. We can only add, the blessing of God upon the life that has so be cutifully ended.

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